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## President Merwin resigns

Minda Thorward  
News Editor

Nearly three years after his appointment in 1996, Dr. William C. Merwin resigned from the presidency of Salisbury State University. Dr. Merwin accepted a position this summer as president of Florida Gulf Coast University in Southwest Florida, where he began his new presidency at the beginning of this month.

"It is with mixed emotions that I resign as president at Salisbury State University," said Merwin in a recent press release. "[My wife] Debbie and I love it [in Salisbury]. We were warmly welcomed and always felt supported by the faculty, staff and local community. The students were a pleasure. Chancellor [Donald] Langenberg and the [University System of Maryland] Board of Regents did all they could to entice us to stay at Salisbury. But ultimately, the pull of our three sons and six grandchildren [who live in Florida]

turned out to be something they could not match."

During his three-year tenure, Merwin's efforts helped SSU achieve the "national eminence" that he spoke of so often. "President Merwin is a visionary with the capacity to inspire others to share his vision," said Donald Cathcart, Provost. "He was not content to allow Salisbury State University to remain 'a best kept secret.'"

Under Merwin's guidance, SSU achieved national recognition as one of U.S. News & World Report's (1998/1999) Top 10 Public Regional Universities in the North and was included in Time Magazine's Princeton Review, Best 331 Colleges (2000). SSU also ranked in the top 10% of public universities in the nation by Kiplinger's, a personal finance magazine.

"President Merwin has made significant contributions to the advancement of

the university," said Donald Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland. "He has built strong ties to the local community; increased the visibility of SSU across the nation and added to the institution's reputation as a first-rate university."

Among these various contributions was the 1999 completion of a \$13 million Capital Campaign, three years ahead of schedule. Merwin also received a \$3.2 million anonymous donation for scholarships, the largest gift in the history of SSU. Other gifts received during his presidency total more than \$4 million, including a \$1

million donation of science equipment from Richard A. Henson. State support since 1997 has increased by over 21%, an additional \$4.2 million dollars annually for SSU. The President's Club of University Supporters, established by Merwin in 1997, provided another \$2.78 million in pledges.

"President Merwin tackled our most difficult problem, chronic under-funding by the state," said Donald Whaley, chair of the SSU Faculty Senate and history instructor. "He had forged new relationships with members of the Board of Regents and

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Dr. Merwin and his wife Debbie are now in Florida with their family.

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## Dr. Merwin takes position at Florida Gulf University

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with state officials and had begun to turn that problem around."

Merwin's accomplishments at SSU were not limited to increased fundraising. In 1998 he established the Camden Compact, a neighborhood/University commitment; aimed at building strong neighborhood relations between students and property owners. Other community outreach programs include the Service Learning Programs (1997), such as the Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore AmeriCorps program, the Institute for Service Learning, and America Reads/America Counts.

During the first year of his presidency, Merwin brought SSU into the World Wide Web generation by wiring the campus for the Internet, primarily with student workers. In 1999, Merwin signed a \$20 million private/public partnership for a 576-bed residence hall expected to be completed in the fall of 2000. He also received state approval for the 2002 addition of a \$37 million science building.

Merwin's creation of the President's Advisory Council and the Cabinet was hailed by Chris Roberts, chair of the SSU Staff Advisory Council, as having "A significant impact on SSU by allowing for the inclusion of diverse voices and opinions before decisions are made and policies formulated. His impact on staff has been more than most can comprehend."

Despite the pressures of a busy schedule and his active involvement with faculty, staff, and local community, President Merwin always managed to make time for students, his ultimate commitment. He often attended sporting events; held informal discussions in the fireside lounge and was seen, from time to time, eating dinner in the Commons with students.



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## From Dr. Merwin...

16 September 1999

To the Students of Salisbury State University:

This is a difficult letter to write. Those of you who know me understand I like to talk to students - to everyone - face-to-face, and that was something I tried to do as your president over the last three years.

After battling with political or financial matters in the course of a day, often I'd come home, have dinner, then walk around the campus at night. The walks, and talks that invariably happened, reminded - reassured - me of why I was here.

I came to know our campus community well: students on Red Square, others having a smoke by Wicomico Hall, still more hanging out in the quad. When I'd introduce myself, they'd be nervous at first, but then they'd start telling me everything.

I always like to walk through the Pergola. Its beauty lifted my spirits. Sometimes conversations would move indoors: such as one with women athletes in the Commons last fall, or evening visits to the residence halls where the RAs and I would get together. I'd ask, "If you could be president for one day, what would you do?" I found out quickly if you don't want an answer, don't ask. (One reply: lower the price of textbooks.) I also learned more about the faculty and administrators than I did from any official meeting.

So many good memories: the fireside chats with the SGA in the University Centers. Students would drop by and share things. One time a young woman trying to achieve independence by moving off campus got more than she bargained for in an apartment with broken windows and a peeping Tom. So Doug Zweiselberger (president of the SGA), Carol Williamson (vice president of student affairs) and Justin McCord (also with SGA) got a school van and we all drove to her place. There are many well-kept immaculate apartment buildings in the area, but this one was loaded with safety code violations. I put myself back into the shoes of a parent with a child in college and thought, "Would I want my son or daughter living here?"

We ended up talking to the property owners association, the mayor and zoning officials. I knew I had to change things for this young woman.

In turn, the students of Salisbury State changed my life. So many joyous moments:

-being president at the winning of the national championship in lacrosse.

-the student leadership award presentations (like being at the Oscars) produced by Joe Oravec.

-the theatre, music and dance productions which I loved. One of the last had all three, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

-the athletics, the games, particularly the Spring Olympics, when I was pulled through the mud during the tug-of-war.

-Unity in the Community. That is an image I'll always carry in my mind about SSU.

During my three years, in any decision I ever had to make - from opening buildings to starting new programs - I'd ask myself, "How does this affect students?" When I say it was very difficult to leave, frankly, that was largely because of you.

Why did I decide to become president of Florida Gulf Coast University then, a new university serving the Ft. Meyers/Naples area? The truth is I have never been recruited so hard in my career; I already had twelve years of experience developing the last new university in the Florida System, the University of North Florida; and the new chancellor of the system was asking back those who have been in the system before.

But many people campaigned hard to keep me in Maryland, including the governor, and before I left, I publicly stated I was leaving the best job in the United States. I was leaving a campus that is considered a top value in the nation, and that's by some very hard-nosed editors of publications such as *Time Magazine's Princeton Review*, *Kiplinger's* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

But decisions can't always be decided by national rankings and money. Ultimately my choice was made for the most personal of all reasons: my sons and all of my grandchildren are in Florida. Living there I will be a bigger part of their lives. I want to see my grandkids grow up.

I never planned to leave Salisbury State and a part of me never will. I hope you will email me at [wcmmerwin@fgcu.edu](mailto:wcmmerwin@fgcu.edu) or call the office at 941-590-1055 and tell me of your progress and plans. My wife, Debbie, and I hope the wonderful beginnings we have shared in the past three years will continue in the rest of your lives. For Deb and me, you made it the best of times and we will be forever grateful.

Most Sincerely,

Bill Merwin



## Oravecz heads back to school

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and get-togethers. "Since it began in 1995, Welcome Week has been recognized both regionally and nationally as an Outstanding Social Program," Oravecz said. With his guidance, OSAO has also expanded its programs to include a leadership workshop series and the Celebration of University Leadership Awards, which resembles a night at the Oscars at SSU.

Oravecz will be working on his doctorate in Higher Education Administration and plans to become a Dean of Students or Vice President of Student Affairs at a university. He is proud that the programs he helped develop have continued and that OSAO has become a recognizable part of student life. "My work at Salisbury State was an incredible learning experience," Oravecz said. "It has given me the ability to confidently go back to graduate school and take the next step in achieving a personal career goal."

While Oravecz credits the students and OSAO staff with making the changes in student activities, those that worked with him have said Oravecz deserves the credit himself. "He made each person accountable to each other, making everyone act as a team," said Isaacs. "He is sadly missed."

A nationwide search will be conducted to find a new OSAO Director. Until a replacement is named, Susan Rogers will serve as interim director. Rogers has been with the office for four years, serving as a program assistant last year. According to Rogers, the transition will be a smooth one, with no student activities affected. "We'll maintain, but also enhance

The Flyer/Erin Riesner

Joe Oravecz has made quite a difference in his time at SSU through his work with the student organizations.

## Getting involved

## Has its rewards \$\$\$

Randi Lipack  
Staff Writer

Coming to SSU this October, is a new system to discourage apathy and boost attendance at Registered Student Organization (RSO) events. Designed to encourage student involvement at club-sponsored activities, the new RSO point system awards points to clubs with the most members in attendance at various SSU activities. The club with the most points at the end of the year will receive a \$250 award.

Points are awarded based on the percentage of club members present at any given RSO event. Two points are awarded for 10% attendance, 30% receives four points, and so on. 100% attendance is awarded the full ten points. SGA will maintain careful records of points earned by each club. Student ID's are required to receive points for attendance at any club event. SGA is hoping to obtain a mobile scanner so ID's can be quickly and easily scanned electronically.

According to Christine Pelletier, Vice President of University Affairs, student turnout at many club-sponsored activities has recently been poor and the new point system should help make a difference. Pelletier said she hopes the point system will turn into a competition between the clubs, each looking to win the reward at the end of the year and increase its club's treasury.

The RSO point system also encourages club unity, as individual members of a club must ban together to pull for their event. SGA anticipates that students will also support their professors' activities, bringing academics out of the classroom.

All Registered Student Organizations and RSO events on campus will be eligible to participate in this new system. These events include student organizations' open meetings, contests, activities and athletic events; as well as open, registered lectures. In order to be eligible, an activity must be open to all students, allowing for fair competition in awarding points.

While attending a conference this summer in Texas, executive board members of SGA were impressed by another university's presentation of the point system's success at their school. SGA decided that the implementation of a point system would likewise boost attendance at SSU events. Because the program is so new, Pelletier said that students are welcome to bring their suggestions to the SGA office and they will be taken into consideration. SGA encourages all SSU students to get involved and take advantage of the many activities and events offered right here on campus.

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# Interim President named for SSU

## Chancellor Langenberg appoints Dr. Joel M. Jones

**Press Release**  
Courtesy of Public Relations

University System of Maryland Chancellor Donald M. Langenberg recently announced the appointment of Dr. Joel M. Jones as interim president of SSU.

Jones is expected to assume his full duties the third week of September. He and his wife, Julie, will live in SSU's President's Residence during their year here.

Jones, who served as president of Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, from 1988-98, comes with a resume of in-depth experience in administration, planning and academics, combined with a notable career as a scholar and teacher.

"Joel Jones has an outstanding record of keeping institutions on the right path," said Langenberg. "At Salisbury, the path is steadily moving onward and upward, and I have every confidence that Joel will make sure that much ground is gained during his tenure as interim president. He will undoubtedly be an active leader and effective advocate for Salisbury as it begins its 75th year of operations."

"I need to like the place I'm working for," said Jones. "The Salisbury State campus is spectacular, the people here are good, talented and passionate about the school, and this is a student-centered teaching/learning institution . . . for us both a good, if temporary, fit."

Jones has made it clear that his roots are in Colorado and he and his wife will return to Durango after a year. He is expected, however, to be influential in the selection process of SSU's new president.

In some ways, Jones's academic background echoes that of the late Thomas E. Bellavance, former president of SSU who died in 1996 and was credited with elevating the campus academically. Jones is a 1960 honors graduate in American Studies from Yale University. His M.A. is in English from Miami University and his doctorate in American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

A National Endowment for the Humanities scholar, he served on its national Board of Consultants. He also served on several national organizations, including the Committee on Excellence in Teaching and Learning and chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and the Commission on Leadership Development for the American Council of Education.

"The Salisbury State campus is spectacular, the people here are good, talented and passionate about the school..."

- Dr. Joel M. Jones  
Interim President

campus of some 20,000 students.

During the first half of his academic career, he regularly published in the field of American Studies, particularly in the journal American Literary Realism, ultimately serving on its Board of Editors. He has also written extensively on popular culture in topics ranging from aesthetics and art criticism to environmental ethics. In 1972 the Educational Press Association of America voted him its Distinguished

Achievement Award.

In 1974 Jones accepted his first administrative post as an Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of New Mexico. For the next 11 years he stayed in the Provost Office, shouldering increasingly heavier responsibilities as Associate Provost/Dean of Faculties.

He also assumed the role of Vice President for Administration, planning student affairs with authority over all administrative, student services, recruitment and public relations for a

decade.

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# Voices



"This summer I went to the Bahamas during a sponsored senior week trip. During my trip, I was able to go snorkeling, scuba diving and attend a number of various cruises. This trip allowed me to meet a number of people from across the country."

-Francis Reidy



"I spent my summer crawling through castle ruins in southern Germany and taking full advantage of my 14-day Eurorail pass."

-Jamie Lynn Smolian



"I went on a trip for two weeks with family. We flew to Las Vegas and then drove to the Grand Canyon, San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Yosemite. It was an amazing experience! (Especially spending two weeks in a van with my family!!!)

-Katie Profili

"I worked here this summer at the Maryland Summer Center for the Arts with talented and gifted kids."

-Chandra Chester



## Campus Sightings

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## SSU presents Nobel Laureate

### Press Release

Courtesy of Public Relations

Tickets are still available for a much anticipated reading by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison at SSU. Her reading will take place Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p. in Maggs Gymnasium. Tickets are being distributed at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk.

Morrison's original visit in April was postponed after she became ill. New tickets are needed for those wishing to attend. Admission is free and seating is on a first come-first seated basis. The doors to the gymnasium open at 1 pm, where the Keith Marks Trio will play until Morrison's reading begins at 2 pm. Once she begins speaking, no late comers will be admitted.

Morrison, 68, has had a distinguished career as a teacher, editor, novelist and essayist. In 1993, she became the first African-American to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

Her seven novels, *The Bluest Eye*, *Sula*, *Song of Solomon*, *Tar Baby*, *Beloved*, *Jazz* and *Paradise*, have received international critical acclaim. She received the National Book Critics Award in 1977 for *Song of Solomon* and the Pulitzer Prize for *Beloved*. Both novels also were chosen as the main selections for the Book of the Month Club.

She has received honorary degrees from Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Sarah Lawrence, Oberlin, Dartmouth, Yale, Georgetown, Columbia, Brown, University of Michigan and Universite Paris 7-Denis Diderot. She was also the recipient of the Washington College Literary Award in 1987.

She also worked as a senior editor at Random House for 20 years.

Morrison earned her bachelor's degree from Howard University and her master's from Cornell. She has taught on several campuses and is currently the Robert F. Goheen Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University.

Morrison is expected to read from her latest novel, *Paradise*.

SSU sponsors of Morrison's visit include the Student Government Association, Cultural Affairs Council and Multiethnic Student Services. Business sponsors include Perdue Farms Incorporated, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury and Delmarva.

For more information call 410-543-6271 or 410-543-6006.



The Flyer/Courtesy of Public Relations

After an illness that prohibited her from coming last April, Toni Morrison will speak to the SSU community on Sunday, Sept. 26.

## Dear freshmen... Advice for making this your best year

Teresa Piekarski  
Features Editor

As a senior at SSU, I can assure you that your time here will fly by very quickly. One day you step onto the campus as a freshman, and before you know it, it is time to walk across the stage to receive your diploma and bid farewell to college life. Since these are some of the best years of your life, why not start them off right?

First of all, you have the opportunity to meet thousands of people. There are about 6,000 students on this campus and every day, you pass by many of them while walking here or there. You will not notice these people, however, if you are walking around with your eyes focused on the ground. When you walk, look up. Enjoy the beautiful campus around you and smile at every face you pass. Some of the friends I have made here at SSU have simply been people that I casually greeted when our paths crossed on campus.

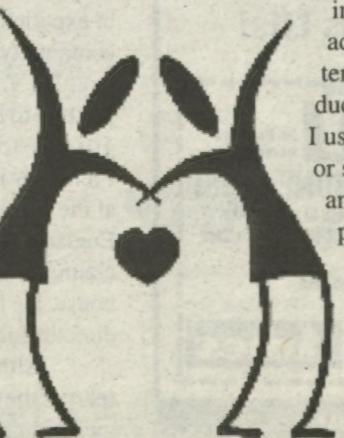
Getting involved in campus activities and organizations is another way you can meet new people. There are over 90 student organizations at SSU. These diverse organizations range from departmental clubs, such as the Education and History clubs, to student publications like Evergreen yearbook and Scarab literary magazine. There are also sports and special interest clubs, religious organizations and active student radio and television stations. You can

also get involved with the Student Government Association (SGA), Student Organization for Activity Planning (SOAP) or Greek life. And hey, if you have a special interest and SSU does not currently provide an organization for it, take the initiative and start your own.

Not only do you have the chance to meet thousands of students, but you also have the opportunity to encounter another amazing group of individuals - the faculty.

We are privileged to have so many brilliant minds and kind hearts teaching in our classrooms. I urge you to get to know your teachers, your advisor, and for that matter, any faculty or staff member. I have encountered many incredible teachers here while sitting in my classrooms, conducting interviews for the newspaper, and even strolling through campus. I use the term teacher to include not only professors, but also any faculty or staff member who has taught me something valuable. Our staff here is another wonderful bunch of people, so talk to them, too. Meet these people; appreciate them and the things they can teach you.

Finally, you have to learn how to deal with something that comes in great abundance during your college years - free time. For the first time in your life, you are in complete control of what you do every minute of the day. How much you experience in your free time is all up to you. When you look at your schedule, realize how many

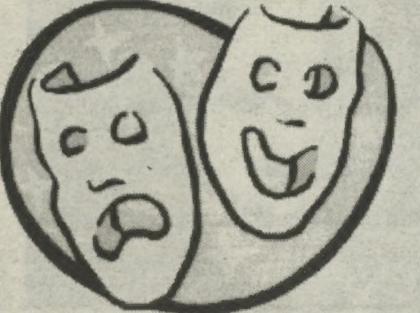


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# Theatre Program receives tremendous endowment from community member

**Press Release**  
Courtesy of Public Relations

In 1933, the same year that Salisbury Normal School's theatre club, Sophanes Players, was founded, a teenager from the Mid-West, Bobbi Biron, moved to Salisbury.



father, Dr. J. Harry Biron, established a successful chiropractic practice. "Salisbury was very good to our family," said Biron. Now, in gratitude to the community which has been her home most of her life, Biron, 82, is endowing Salisbury State University's Theatre Program with more than \$500,000.

With this gift, SSU becomes the first campus in the 13-member University System of Maryland with an endowed theatre program or department. In gratitude to its benefactor, the program is being named in her honor.

The gift will have a major impact on campus theatre, immediately doubling and eventually tripling its budget.

"Bobbi Biron is a real hero of the arts in Salisbury," said past SSU President

William C. Mervin. "She is someone who has done more than enjoyed what she saw. She has ensured that our descendants will have the opportunity to enjoy first-rate theatre on the lower Shore."

According to Martin Williams, Vice President of University Advancement,

in the next few years, the Biron gift will provide just under \$12,000 of support annually. Then, as the endowment is fully established through the SSU Foundation, interest will provide a minimum of \$25,000. Currently, the theatre program has an annual budget of some \$12,000.

"The University is extremely grateful to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for directing her generosity to this wonderful program," Williams added.

Biron has stipulated a variety of uses for her gift, but those most frequently mentioned by her and SSU officials, are student scholarships and guest artist programs.

Artists would include guest directors, designers and actors who would not only work with productions, but also teach specialties such as stage combat or period costuming, and conduct workshops. "They would provide a wide range of experiences for students as well as the community," said SSU's Director of Theatre, Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer. "We are most grateful to Ms. Biron and want to see her gift put to immediate use." Already Pfeiffer is in negotiation with educators at the Globe Theatre Center in London, England, which recently opened the acclaimed replica of Shakespeare's playhouse. He is discussing hiring a visiting director for the upcoming season.

Biron first started attending professional theatre in New York and Wilmington with her family, and recently became an SSU Theatre subscriber.

The University "offers so much to residents here," she said. "The Symphony Orchestra, the dance (concerts) ... I love theatre. And people on campus have been so kind and gracious. Salisbury has been good to the Biron family. This is a

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# Rock rocks MTV Music Awards

Matt Borlik  
Staff Writer

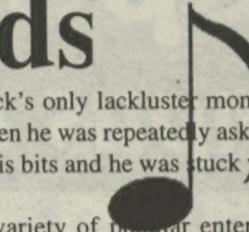
This year's MTV Music Video Awards ceremony was hyped as the last MTV awards show "of the decade, century, and millennium." Focusing on the video aspect of the music industry, MTV presents awards each year to the most outstanding videos from different genres of music.

Popular comedian Chris Rock hosted the ceremony, adding his own brand of wit and humor to the event. His opening monologue took a shot at almost all of this year's nominated artists. Rock verbally assaulted Ricky Martin for not being able to produce another hit song; he asked Jennifer Lopez to thank her posterior for her success and he asked the audience which Backstreet Boy they thought would get Brittany Spears pregnant.

"Chris Rock was easily the most entertaining part of the show," said WSUR's music director Kim Girton. "Everyone knows that most of these bands won't ever have another hit, and he pointed that out. That takes guts to do when you're live on MTV."

Lauren Hill won four awards, including Best Video of the Year and Best

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hours there are before, after, and in between your classes. Do not let these hours drift away. Rather than surrendering to the inertia of television or cigarettes, take an active role in your life and do something different. Take a walk. Read in the grass. Find a pick-up frisbee or volleyball game. Meet new people and learn from them. Imprisoning yourself in a routine is one of the worst things you can do in an enriching environment such as a university. If you develop an awareness of your free time and how you are spending it, you will get much more out of your college years.

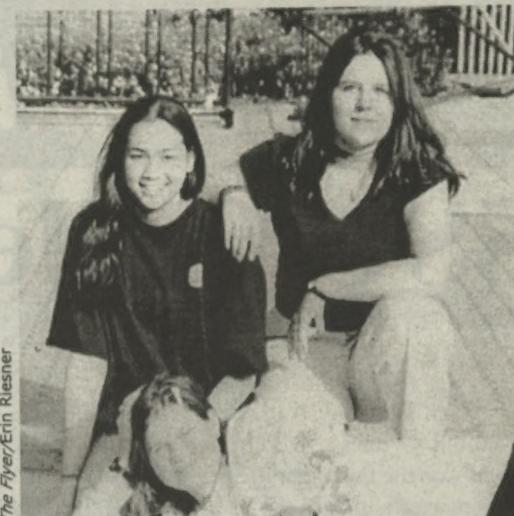
When you walked onto this campus weeks ago, you entered a world full of adventure and opportunity. Do not waste these years. Try to experience everything. Remember, the memories you make here will last a lifetime.

# Start off right!

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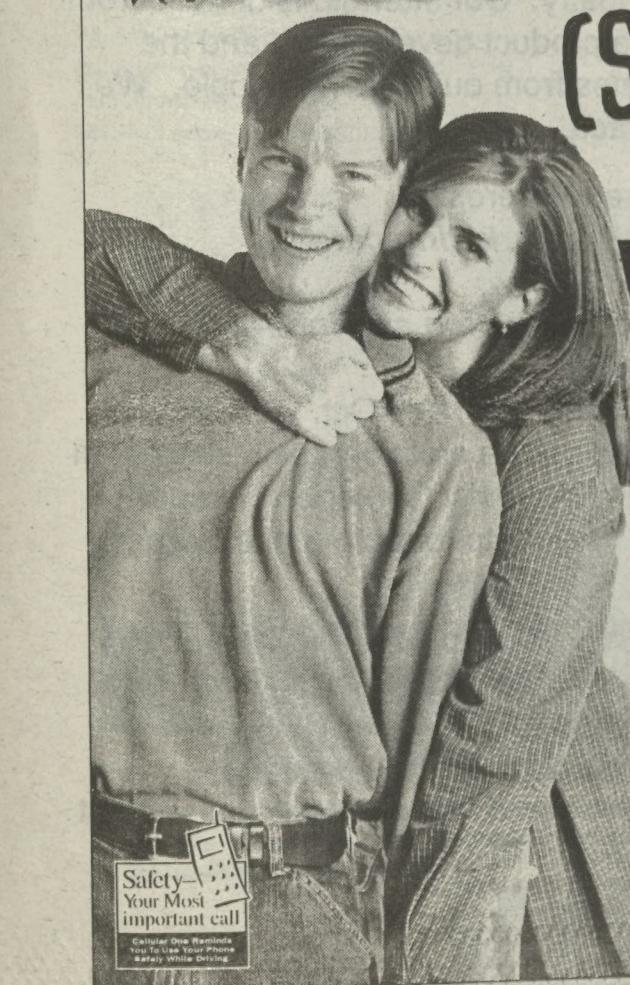


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## A guide to campus events

### SSU Gallery presents "Witness"

**Press Release**  
Courtesy of Public Relations

From Thursday, Aug. 26 to Oct. 24, the SSU Gallery in Fulton Hall will present the exhibit "Witness," a collection of photographic portraits of 100 plants and animals currently on the Endangered Species List of North America. Susan Middleton and David Littschwager's images are "poignant and their message simple," said University Gallery Director Ken Basile. "This exquisite array of flora and fauna will disappear forever if something isn't done to prevent the destruction of their habitat."

Middleton, in her introduction to the book *Witness*, states, "We turned our eyes toward animals and plants, members of species with million-year histories, which may be the last of their kind. They are exposed and vulnerable as their habitats, the ecosystems to which they belong, are diminishing."

Middleton was born in Seattle. After studying sociology and art at the University of Santa Clara, she began her career as a photographer of Hopi kachinas and other empowered objects in the anthropology collections at the California Academy of Sciences. In 1985, she spent a year working with the fashion

photographer Richard Avedon in New York City.

Her photographs have appeared in books, journals and magazines worldwide. She is Chair of the California Academy of Sciences Department of Photography and is based in San Francisco.

Littschwager is a freelance photographer who grew up in Eugene, Oregon. His most significant training occurred through assisting Richard Avedon in

New York City from 1984-1986. His work with photographers Mary Ellen Mark and Martin Bell has led him to India, Australia and the former Soviet Union. Littschwager's photographs have appeared in Life, National Geographic, and the New York Times Magazine. He lives and works in San Francisco.

This exhibition is supported by grants from the Salisbury Pepsi Cola Co., the Calumet Institute and the Maryland State Arts Council.

The SSU Gallery is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 am - 5 pm and weekends, noon - 4 pm. For information call the SSU Galleries at 410-543-6271.

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### Notable stars turn out for main event

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R&B Video for "Dat Thing." Other winners included Will Smith for Best Male Video, Eminem for Best New Artist, Korn for Best Rock Video and Fatboy Slim for Breakthrough Video. The Backstreet Boys won the Viewer's Choice Award.

There were a few unexpected winners, however. TLC was so surprised to have won Best Group Video that they were at a loss for words on stage. The Beastie Boys also shocked the audience by winning the Best Hip-Hop video for their dated "Intergalactic" single from the summer of 1998.

The biggest disappointment this year was actress-turned singer Jennifer Lopez, whose four nominations failed to bring home a single award. Also, pop diva Madonna was nominated three times, but won only one award for Best Film Video.

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# Fall Sports Previews

## Field Hockey

The SSU Field Hockey Team is hoping to return to the NCAA tournament and challenge for national honors. As for this season, the Gulls have appeared in 14 of the last 15 NCAA tournaments and have won the Catholic Athletic Conference Championship for the past four years. Since joining the CAC the Gulls have dominated, going 33-2, and are currently on a 30-game conference winning streak. Last season, SSU made it to the NCAA tournament and was knocked out in the second round, but this does not dampen their plans for this season.

Coach Dawn Chamberlin begins her 13th season as head coach with a 156-63-8-career win/loss record. Chamberlin has high expectations for this young team, which only has four seniors. Three of last year's top four scorers are gone, which includes the loss of Megan Hopper. Hopper received first team All-American and CAC Player of the Year honors. However, Chamberlin believes she has enough young talent to make up for these key losses.

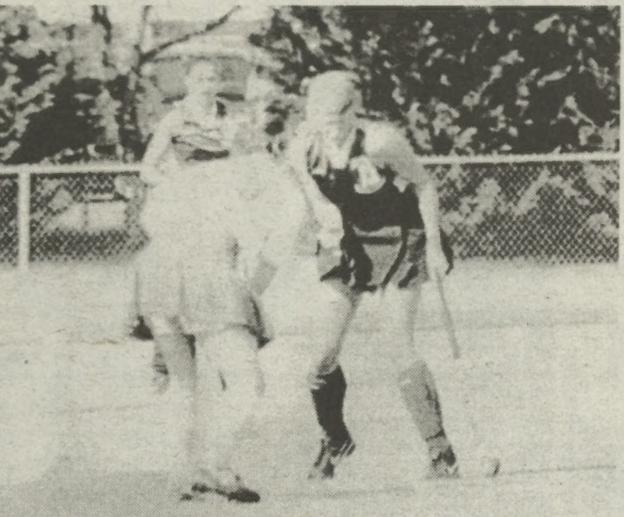
Sophomore Marie Brewington, last year's CAC Rookie of the Year, returns as the team's active leading scorer. Senior Mary Wilgus and Sophomore Brooke Murphy will look to help Brewington with the scoring.

Chamberlin admits that she is expecting a lot from freshmen standout Jill Cressor. Cressor has started her college career off to a great start, scoring three goals in the first two games. Senior Beth Getty and Sophomore Tara Webster are the key returnees at midfield. Senior Gina Dean, first team all-CAC pick, will head the defensive unit. Chamberlin is quick to say that the success of the season and how far they go will determine how quickly this young team matures.

## Cross-Country

SSU's men's and women cross-country teams are coming into the 1999 season with a change of head coach. New Head Coach Jim Jones inherits a young SeaGull team that looks to establish themselves on the national scene. The squad's youth comes from the 13 out of 31 freshman runners. This doesn't seem to bother Jones, who said "Our goal will be to continue to do well on the conference level while also moving to the next level nationally."

Jones comes to SSU after a stint at Muskingham College in Concord, OH where he was the cross country and track coach.



## Women's Volleyball

The Sea Gull Volleyball Team enters the season with high aspirations for 1999. The team is coming off a 25-14 season and a first ever berth in the NCAA tournament. Head Coach Margie Knight, in her third season, has reason to expect better things to come. In each of her first two seasons with the Gulls, she has improved the team's record and taken them to the CAC championships. Last year, Knight was also named CAC Coach of the Year. The Gull squad includes five juniors and seniors on its 13-member roster. The team is optimistic and with a little perseverance, will be able to capture another tournament berth.

## Men's Soccer

The SSU Men's Soccer Team has high expectations for the 1999 season. The Sea Gulls are coming off a strong season where they finished with a 15-4-1 win/loss record and finished conference runner-up in the Catholic Athletic Conference.

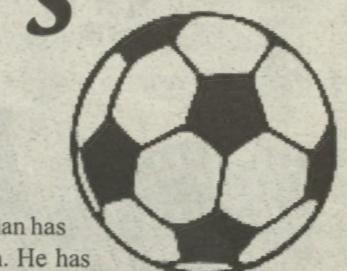
In 1998, the Gulls set a school record with 15 victories, a feat that they hope to repeat this year.

Head coach Gerry DiBartolo welcomes back 17 lettermen, with the exception of Mike Giuffrida who was the 1998 CAC Player of the Year and All-American player. Key returnees include sophomore Paul Kelly, juniors Steven Ritchie and Michael Sveha and senior Kyle Eberhardt. Kelly finished 1998 with 14 goals and 7 assists, which helped him earn CAC Rookie of the Year honors. Ritchie finished third in scoring with nine goals and two assists.

Eberhardt is a two-time All-CAC selectee who scored two goals and added three assists last season. He will lead the defensive unit, which was the conference's top ranked defense last season. Sveha has already set a school record with 17 shutouts, including nine last season. He has a career goals against average of 1.01.



## Women's Soccer



In five seasons as head coach, Jim Berkman has directed SSU to the brink of national recognition. He has guided the Gulls to an impressive 69-22-3 win/loss record. His crowning achievement came in his first season as head coach when SSU captured the CAC Championship. Since the championship year, Berkman's troops have been second in the conference each consecutive year.

Among their big games this year, the Gulls have home games against Catholic, Mary Washington and Johns Hopkins. Their road contests include visits to St. Mary's, Richard Stockton, Lynchburg and Marymount.

All previews compiled by Steve McIntosh and Lenny Mierzwa. Photos by Erin Riesner.

# SSU comes up short in Wood's debut

Lenny Mierzwa  
Sports Writer

The temperature was 80 degrees; the sun was out and there was much anticipation in the air. On Sept. 11, the talk around campus focused on the debut of new head football coach, Sherman Wood. This was the day Wood was to lead SSU football team to battle against Alfred University. As 1:00 pm drew near, students, staff, community members, parents, and alumni looked forward to a new era of SeaGull football. Finally the time had arrived, and 91 athletes took the field to start the beginning of a new dynasty.

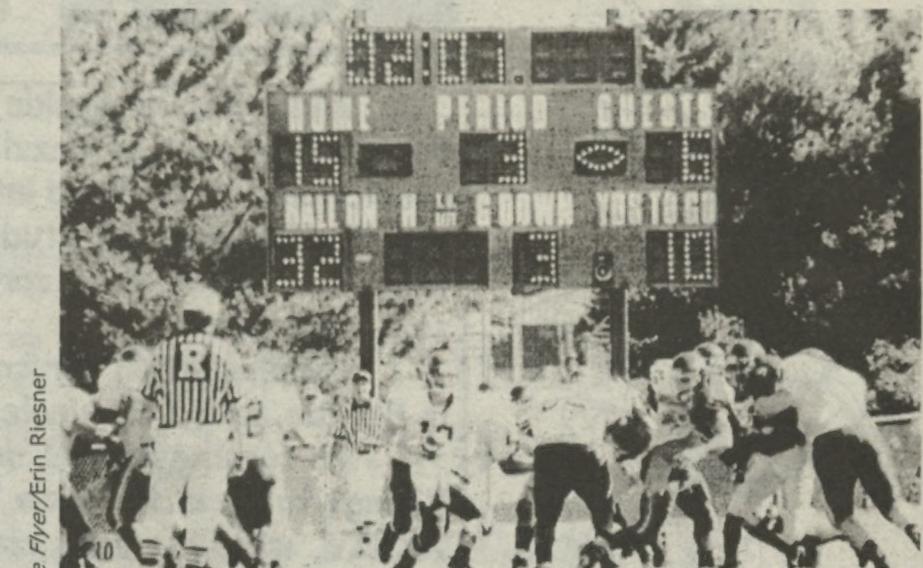
The game started off promising for the Sea Gulls, with the opening kickoff sailing out of the end zone. Alfred then began its offensive attack from its own 20-

yard line. On the fourth play of the game, Alfred's running back, George Eason, fumbled the ball and Seth Haskins recovered for Salisbury.

As the Sea Gull offensive unit took the field, the defensive unit began to pump up the crowd. However, penalties began to plague the Gulls, as they committed three penalties on the first possession. Eventually, SSU was forced to punt, giving Alfred the ball.

Alfred began the drive from its own 9-yard line. They charged down the field covering 73 yards, in 13 plays. However, Alfred ruined its chances for a touchdown after they committed a clipping penalty and had to settle for a 35-yard field goal by Ryan Rambacher. The scoring picked up again in the second quarter, when Eason had an 81-yard touchdown run on the first play of the Alfred drive. Rambacher converted the extra point to give Alfred a 10-0 lead.

As half time drew near, the first half statistics largely favored Alfred. Alfred managed to accumulate 242 total yards, while Salisbury only managed 139 yards. Myron Dent was the leading rusher for the Gulls with 44 yards, while Eason, of Alfred managed to rush for 121. Ray D'Ambrosio led the Gulls in passing with 91 yards and Todd Zandrowicz was



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Daniel Namorato  
Sports Editor

# Beat the Editor

**Well, SSU's pigskin prognosticator is back for another year of dazzling the campus with his predictions. As we head into another football season, I challenge all students and staff to attempt to select more correct winners than myself each week.**

**My prediction for college national champion is Florida State Seminoles.**

**As for the NFL, I anticipate the Minnesota Vikings to meet the New York Jets in Superbowl XXXIV, with the Jets coming out on top 27-24.**

**I wish the best of luck to all contestants. You will need it!**

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## Picks for the Week:

### NFL

**Falcons over RAMS** - My heart wants to take St. Louis, but my brain says take Atlanta.

**RAIDERS over Bears** - Too much fire power for Oakland.

**RAVENS over Browns** - I can't believe I am taking the Ravens... that doesn't happen often.

**Broncos over BUCCANEERS** - Tampa Bay is underachieving... AGAIN!!!

**Lions over CHIEFS** - Detroit is my sleeper team for the 1999 season.

**PACKERS over Vikings** - Brett Favre and company slow down the high-scoring Vikes.

**BILLS over Eagles** - Philadelphia is still thinking about the second half disaster in Week One.

**STEELERS over Seahawks** - Here is the slogan for Seattle all year - No Joey Galloway, No chance.

**NY JETS over Redskins** - New York is down, but far from out.

**JAGUARS over Titans** - It just may be Jacksonville's year.

### College

**TENNESSEE over Auburn** - The pieces are in place for a run at a repeat.

**BYU over Virginia** - The Cougars are playing their best ball since the Ty Detmer years.

**SYRACUSE over West Virginia** - I will take the Orangemen in this Big East Clash.

**Michigan over WISCONSIN** - The Badgers always come up short in big games.

**Salisbury over GREENSBORO** - The Seagull defense will be too much for Greensboro to handle.

**Colorado over WASHINGTON** - Rick Neuishel falls at the hands of his former team.

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## Defense stymies Methodist for first win of season

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giving SSU the ball on its own 49-yard line. After three great runs by Jamal Avery, Dent finished the drive with a 26-yard touchdown run. The drive consisted of six plays for 77 yards. Paul Jacko added the extra point to make the score 13-10, Gulls.

Alfred answered with a eight-play, 40 yard drive, which ended in a missed field goal by Rambacher. The score remained 13-10 until late in the fourth quarter. With 6:32 left on the clock, Sea Gull punter Ryan Pusey was blocked.

blocked by Alfred's Andrew Genung. Alfred recovered on the SSU 6-yard line. On second and goal, Matt Gates threw a touchdown pass to Steve Rossi. Rambacher added the extra point and Alfred had a 20-13 lead.

The Gulls got the ball back with 2:20 left in the game and began to attempt a comeback. After two first downs and the ball on their own 37-yard line, penalties began to plague the Gulls again. An illegal substitution penalty and a false start penalty pretty much ended SSU's chances for a comeback.

The Sea Gulls gave a valiant effort, but special teams and penalties hurt their chances of a victory. After the game, Wood said, "I am upset with the end result, but I saw some bright spots today." SSU improved its offensive statistics in the second half, while the defense played fairly strong. Wood stated, "Our defense kept our offense in the game." As for the offense, Avery added 46-yards rushing in the second half after no rushing attempts in the first half. Wood had nothing but good things to say about Avery. "Jamal is like a spark plug, he has great moves and really helped his status."

**NOTES:** This past weekend, Salisbury picked up its first win of the season with a 21-6 victory over Methodist College of North Carolina. Myron Dent paced the attack with 142 yards on the



The Flyer/Erin Resner

The Gulls regrouped this past weekend and helped Sherman Woods pick up his first career victory as SSU Head Football Coach.

ground. After giving up an early score the defense put the clamps on the Methodist offense, improving SSU to 1-1 in the season. This weekend the SeaGulls will travel to Greensboro College, looking to win

back-to-back games under new coach Sherman Wood. SSU's next home game is Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 2, against Catholic University.

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meet MPT on-air personalities. Walkaround characters - Elmo, Cookie Monster, Wimzie - join Bob the Vid Tech and Puzzle Place characters in entertaining youngsters. A food court, MPT Store, and KidWorks Club House add to the pleasure of clowns, magicians and jugglers. Free off-site parking only at the Owings Mills Metro Station and complimentary shuttle bus services to the Bash are provided. Call 410-581-4398 or visit [www.mpt.org](http://www.mpt.org) for more information.

### National Security Education Program Scholarship Available

The NSEP was established by the U.S. Congress, which passed the National Security Education Act of 1991. The Act is guided by a mission that seeks to lead in development of the national capacity to educate U.S. Citizens, understand foreign cultures, strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness, enhance international cooperation and security, and increase global interaction among nations.

All Undergraduate students who plan to complete degree requirements in May 2000 or Summer 2000 must complete an Application for Diploma by Friday, Oct. 1, 1999 in the Office of the Registrar.

The purpose of this early application deadline is to allow time for each senior's records to be reviewed in detail prior to their last semester of attendance at the University. This insures that students are aware of their academic status early enough to make any last minute adjustments in their plan of study.

Please return your completed Application for Diploma to the Office of the Registrar, Holloway Hall 120, or mail it to the Office of the Registrar, Salisbury State University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland 21801.

### SGA

SSU Welcome Party at Bethany Lutheran Church. Sept. 22, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Live entertainment, free food and drinks for off-campus students. Call SGA at 410-548-4757 for more information.

recipients. Campus deadline for returning applications is December 7, 1999. For detailed information (or application form) please contact Agata at (410) 543-6313 Guerrieri University Center, 229A.

### Salisbury Symphony Orchestra

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at Salisbury State University and its Affiliated Youth Orchestra will hold open auditions during the month of September. The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SSU and the Affiliated Youth Orchestra both rehearse in SSU's Fulton Hall Room 112. The Salisbury Symphony rehearses on Sundays from 7:45 p.m. and the Youth Orchestra rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30pm. To arrange an audition time, obtain a concert schedule or for further information call the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SSU at 410-548-5587.

### Seniors-Graduation Application Deadline

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## SSU Gospel Choir Practice

The SSU Gospel Choir is devoted to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song. We minister to SSU and the community. Our hopes are to help others see the Light of the World. We meet Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30pm in the Pocomoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

## Study Abroad: Anytime, Anywhere, Any Major...

For many years, there has been a myth circulating college and university campuses that only juniors can study abroad. There has been another myth, that only language students can have that experience. Both are untrue, however, as study abroad programs are growing in numbers around the world, and many educational institutions make it easier for students to have an international experience. SSU students travel abroad to study, student teach, research and even work.

SSU encourages eligible students to have an experience in a foreign country, at any time during their

school career. A variety of programs are available virtually in every country of the world, and in most majors. These programs can vary from a couple of weeks to a full academic year. Thanks to agreements and consortia among colleges and universities, most credits and financial aid transfer from one program to another.

The possibilities are endless,

but all require planning ahead. Deadlines for the spring semester are coming up in Oct., so all students are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss their plans. For more information, please call 410-543-6313.

## Study Skills Workshops

SSU's Student Counseling Services is offering several workshops throughout the semester, instructed by Robert Crawley, M.A., Academic Success Counselor. The next workshop, "Reading a Textbook," will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 8:00pm. All workshops are located in the Blackwell Library, Seminar Room #131. To guarantee a seat in the workshop, please call

Student Counseling Services at 410-543-6070 to register. Walk-ins are welcome to attend if a seat is available.

Student Counseling Services also provides one-on-one counseling regarding study skills. Please call 410-543-6070 or stop by the Guerrieri University Center, Room 263, to schedule an appointment with Robert Crawley, the Academic Success Counselor.

## Tenth Annual SSU Variety Show

The 10th Annual SSU Variety Show is going to be presented Family Weekend, October 22nd and 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. All SSU Students, Staff, Faculty and Alumni are encouraged to audition to be part of the show. Auditions are going to be on Monday October 11 and Tuesday October 12 in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. In order to audition, you must sign up your act at the Information Desk of the Guerrieri Center. Audition times will be determined when you sign up. If you are part of a band, a dance group, have a

comedy act, play piano, juggle chain saws or if you have any other talent that an audience would like to see, the Variety Show is the place to do it. Since we are celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the SSU Variety Show, we will also be featuring many great acts from the past. Auditions will be tough, so start polishing your act now. Information planning calendars are at the Information Desk or you can find out more by calling Event Services at 410-548-4597.

## Trips to Israel

Hillel, a Jewish Campus ministry organization, will send 3,000 Jewish college students on free, 10-day trips to Israel in December and January "to enrich students' understanding of Israel and their Jewish identity," Hillel President Richard M. Joel said, in announcing the program. More than 500 students from D.C., Maryland and Virginia schools will be selected to participate. Detailed trip and application information is available on the Web www.isreal2000.org.

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# CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips  
Director of Public Safety

**9/2-9/10 - Lost Parking Permit** - green permit #4432 was reported lost.

**9/9 - Theft** - a student reported that the taillights were stolen from a car while parked in the St. Martin Lot.

**9/10 - Alcohol Violation** - an undergraduate resident of St. Martin Hall was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage near Caruthers Hall. Administration action is pending.

**9/10 - Alcohol Violation** - an undergraduate resident of Pocomoke Hall was found in the building in an intoxicated state. Administrative action is pending.

**9/10-9/11 Vandalism** - two rocking chairs were found to be damaged in the gazebo near the University Center.

**9/12-9/13 - Hit & Run** - a resident of Chester Hall reported that a car was damaged while parked in the Devilbiss Lot.

**9/13 - Theft** - a book bag and contents were left unattended for 15 minutes. When the owner, a resident of Nanticoke Hall returned, the property was gone. This occurred between Manokin Hall and the Library.

groups, racially and by sexual orientation.

**9/15 - Theft** - a resident of Nanticoke Hall reported that a book bag and contents were stolen from the storage area outside of the Book Rack. The property was left unattended for approximately five minutes.



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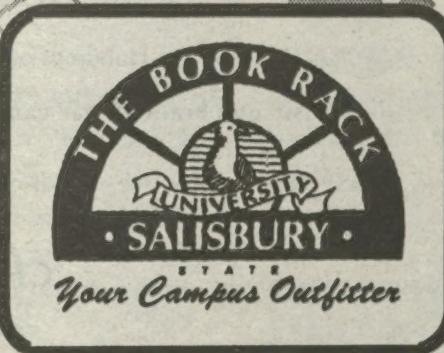
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# Senior Salute

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from 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
in the Book Rack.

This will be the time to order your caps, gowns,  
announcements and class rings for graduation.

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Saturday



October 2  
October 16  
October 23  
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